

## 107 COURT OF HONOR

### Opening (MC)

“Welcome to Troop 107’s Court of Honor.”

“My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I will be your Master of Ceremonies this evening.”

“Please rise (Pause)”

“Color Guard Advance”

“Color Guard Post the Colors” (US flag on MC’s right)

Pledge of Allegiance

“Color Guard dismissed” (wait for guard to leave)

“Guests, please be seated.” (Wait for people to take seats).

“Scouts, please join me in the oath and law”

Oath and law

“Please be seated”

“I now declare this court of honor open.”

### Awards (Committee)

**Activity Reports (MC)** Responsible scouts will report on recent troop activities, awards, etc. MC will introduce each scout and thank him after his report. These reports should be practiced beforehand so they are brief but informative. It’s okay to have written notes or read a report. Scout appropriate humor is encouraged.

Scout	Activity

### Announcements (MC)

“Before we close I would like to ask for announcements.”

“Are there any announcements from the scouts?”

“Are there any announcements from the leaders?”

### Closing (MC)

“Please rise.”

“Troop attention!”

“Color guard post”

“Color guard retire the colors” (wait for guard to leave)

“Troop to”

“Thank you for coming. I now declare this Court of Honor closed.”

“Please join us for refreshments.”

## **Setting up a COH**

This is critical to having your COH run smoothly. It starts 2-3 weeks in advance, where an MC must choose a group of scouts to give detailed "Activity Reports." These scouts must have gone on the event and must have a written (not improvised) report on this event. This is an act of delegation, and as always, you should check to make sure that the task has been completed

Meanwhile, you, as the MC, should be preparing your own COH script. This is a guideline, so feel free to add in a story or an inspirational "Scoutmaster's Minute" style opening monologue. It is also an option to do a Candle Lighting Ceremony in place of the opening. During this ceremony, you will have scouts read paddles for each point of the Scout law. Your SPL will light 1 candle for every point of the scout law on the wooden arrow statuette. You will then recite the scout oath, where the SPL will light each of the three highest candles symbolizing the three parts to the scout oath.

The rest of the COH setup occurs half an hour before the COH starts. Choose color guard and instruct scouts to form two lines behind them. As the color guard near the posts, the scouts will file into empty rows of seats, leaving room for the color guard.

Once this has all been completed, you are ready to begin your COH ceremony.